

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [00062] of the specification as follows:

[00062] A 25 mL Schlenk flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with powdered molecular sieves (MS3Å, 0.25 g) and flame-dried under vacuum. After cooling under dry N₂, Pd complex (0.025 mmol, 0.05 equiv) was added followed by toluene (5.0 mL), and an appropriate ligand (0.10 mmol, 0.20 equiv). For experiments which probed the effect of the chiral ligand, the appropriate ligand was used in the same general procedure with Pd(OAc)₂ (Reaction 1). For experiments that probed the effect of the palladium source, the appropriate Pd complex was used in the same general procedure (Reaction 2). The structures of all chiral ligands tested are provided below:



